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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Maxwell D. Taylor
Chairman, Special Group

FROM : Richard H. Davis, Chairman
Special Working Group

SUBJECT : Second Berlin Progress Report - August 30-September 6,
1961

The Special Working Group of the Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Berlin reports below the substantive decisions which the Group has taken during the period from date of the first progress report of August 30, 1961 to September 6, 1961.

1. Approved the training by CIA of persons recruited under the program authorized by the Special Group on August 17, 1961

for paramilitary missions in support of Special Forces actions. This decision was taken in view of the rapid pace of developments relating to the Berlin crisis.

2. Approved the expansion by Radio Liberty of its daily broadcasts to East Germany for the Soviet forces there from 13 to a total on all transmitters of 43 program hours. A rearrangement of the technical facilities will be made which will give a considerably intensified signal. The programs are the same as those used in the regular broadcasts to the USSR and are not specially tailored.

3. Approved, after receipt of views from our missions in Moscow and several of the satellite countries, the broadcast by RFE and the dissemination by mail to satellite elites of information about the potential effects of a nuclear war. The theme is to be handled soberly, factually and in a low-key manner designed to avoid the impression of a deliberate campaign and the possibility of Soviet-Satellite counter-charge that the US is preparing to wage nuclear war.

4. The Working Group considered a number of suggestions for covert exploitation of Sino-Soviet differences in connection with the Berlin crisis. It approved only the suggestion that attempts be made to exploit these differences in national Communist parties outside the Bloc.

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